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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR OPTIMIZING INTERFACIAL PROPERTIES OF
MAGNETORESISTIVE SENSORS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter this preliminary amendment in the divisional application being submitted herewith. Enclosed are copies of the parent patent application, as filed, including the specification, claims, drawings and the Declaration signed by the inventor for filing as a CPA divisional application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16-19, 21-23, 25-37, 40-46, 49, 51-55, 57-62, 65, 67-78, 80-81, 83-95 and 99-104 without prejudice.

Amend Claim 7, as follows:

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7. [Amended] A method of making a magnetoresistive sensor formed with an electrically conductive spacer interposed between a first and a second ferromagnetic layer, comprising the steps of:

selecting a first material having a first electronegativity for said first ferromagnetic layer;